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OF SIGNING CHARTER BILATERAL

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PRESS RELEASE AND AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS
PREPARED FOR SIGNING OF CHARTER BILATERAL SEPTEMBER 27:

BEGIN TEXT

BELGRADE (SEPTEMBER 72) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT REGULATING NON-SCHEDULED (CHARTER) AIR SERVICES TODAY
IN BELGRADE. AMBASSADOR MALCOLM TOON SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR
THE UNITED STATES AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS
MILOVAN DJOKANOVIC FOR YUGOSLAVIA IN A CEREMONY AT THE FEDERAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE NEW AGREEMENT IS ONLY THE SECOND SUCH AGREEMENT WHICH
THE UNITED STATES HAS SIGNED. IT MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP
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FORWARD IN UNITED STATES-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL RELATIONS, SINCE IT WILL ENSURE THE ORDERLY GROWTH OF AIR TOURIST TRAFFIC. THIS TRAFFIC INCLUDES A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN; WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, INCREASED TOURISM FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO EXPECTED.

AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY FOLLOWED: (INTRODUCTION)

QUOTE: I AM VERY HAPPY TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE SIGNING OF ANOTHER IMPORTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA -- AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PROMOTE TOURISM BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PROVIDE FAIR ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN TOURIST MARKET FOR YUGOSLAV AIR CARRIERS.

THIS AGREEMENT MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS THE THIRD MAJOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT WE HAVE SIGNED THIS YEAR. WE AGREED IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR TO ESTABLISH OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC) INSURANCE AND GUARANTEES FOR DIRECT U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN YUGOSLAV JOINT VENTURES. IN MAY WE AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT U.S.-YUGOSLAV BOARD ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES. BOTH OF THESE AGREEMENTS BROKE NEW GROUND AS DOES THE AGREEMENT WE ARE TO SIGN TODAY REGULATING NON-SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THESE THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT STRENGTHENING OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

TOURISM IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN STRENGTHENING THE ALREADY CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATE AND YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN THESE LINKS ARE REINFORCED--AS OURS ARE-- BY VISITS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN. THE GROWTH OF AMERICAN TOURISM IN YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV FIGURES SHOW AN INCREASE FROM 551,000 OVERNIGHT STAYS BY AMERICANS IN 1971 TO 665,000 OVERNIGHT STAYS IN 1973; AMERICAN TOURIST OVERNIGHT STAYS IN YUGOSLAVIA INCREASED UNCLASSIFIED

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ALMOST 30 PERCENT IN COMARISON TO THE FIRST SIX MONTHS IN 1972.

I EXPECT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL FOSTER STILL MORE TOURISTTRAFFIC BETWEEN THE UNITED STATE AND YUGOSLAVIA. YOUR COUNTRY HAS MUCH TO OFFER FOREIGN VISITORS - A BEAUTIFUL COAST AND OTHER

NATURAL ATTRACTION BUT ABOVE ALL HOSPITABLE PEOPLE.

THIS TRAFFIC ALSO HAS MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE FROM THE STAND-POINT OF U.S.-YUGOSLAV TRADE. YUGOSLAV AIRLINES HAVE BOUGHT OR HAVE ON ORDER NINETEEN DC-9'S AND LEASE SEVERAL BOEING 707'S FOR INTERCONTINENTAL SERVICES. AS YUGOSLAV AIR SERVICES GROW TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF TOURISM IN THE FUTURE, SO HOPEFULLY WILL OUR SALES OF THE PLANES THAT WILL CARRY THEM SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE THESE BRIEF REMARKS WITH A SALUTE TO ALL THOSE ON THE YUGOSLAV AND AMERICAN SIDES WHO WORKED TOGETHER TO ARRIVE AT THIS AGREEMENT. YOU HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AND YOU HAVE PRODUCED AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

2. IF NO OBJECTION FROM DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY PLANS TO RELEASE FOREGOING TO PRESS AT TIME AGREEMENT IS ACTUALLY SIGNED. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO PLACE CHARTER BILATERAL IN CONTEXT OVER-ALL BILATERAL POLITICAL/ECONOMIC RELATIONS. DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED RELEASE AS MODIFIED (REFTELS) IS BETTER SUITED FOR WASHINGTON AND AVIATION INDUSTRY AUDIENCE.

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